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In re Application of	:	
Nacerdine Azzi et al.	:	
Application No. 09/937,275	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 4, 2002	:	
Attorney Docket No. RCA 89433 (PF990009)	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 28, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely submit corrected drawings in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowability mailed on October 17, 2007, which set a period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 18, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 12, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of corrected drawings, (2) the petition fee of \$1540, (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the corrected drawings is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he/she is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he/she acts.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at (571) 272-4618.

This application is being referred to the Office of Data Management for further processing into a patent.

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